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for December



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THE TURNING POINT

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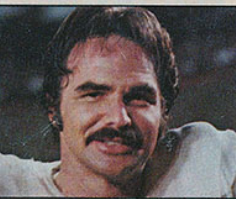
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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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DAMNATION ALLEY

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EQUUS

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THE SMALL ONE

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CONVOY

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THE LAST HARD MEN

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THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN

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the PACK



Crossed Swords

Charlton Heston, George C. Scott, Rex Harrison, Raquel Welch and Oliver Reed head the all-star cast in a rollicking adventure about a boy imposter on the throne of 16th century England. *Mild fight scenes.* (PG-1:53) **Dec. 2**

**Friday
December 1**

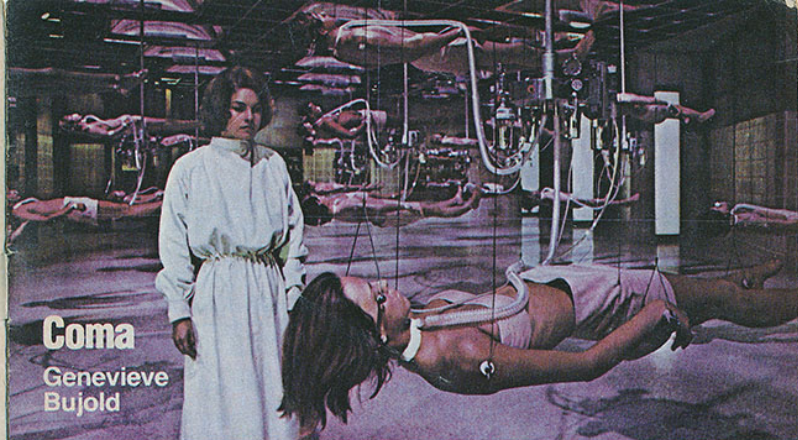
4:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
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6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
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7:00 THE PACK
Snarling, crazed dogs attack vacationers (PG-1:39) p.4
9:00 AT THE FAIR
Seals & Crofts. p.11
10:30 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
Broadway hit (PG-2:04) p.15
12:30 UPCLOSE
David Sheehan interviews Jane and Henry Fonda, Bette Midler and Alan Alda

**Saturday
December 2**

1:30 CROSSED SWORDS
Swashbuckling all-star fun for the family (PG-1:53) p.4
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4:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME
Roger Moore (PG-2:05) p.18
7:00 KENNY & CO.
Perils, pitfalls and joys of growing up (PG-1:30) p.7
8:30 EQUUS
Based on the play named "Best of Year" by New York critics (R-2:18) p.5
11:00 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME
Exotic locales (PG-2:05) p.18

Joe Don Baker

A new kind of terror as dogs turn into killers! Canines, abandoned family pets, become wild and rabid almost overnight, menacing tourists on a remote isle without boat or radio. Joe Don Baker (Sheriff Buford Pusser of *Walking Tall*) is the marine biologist leading the human defense. Here's a well-paced suspense drama based on true incidents of ferocious dog attacks on people. "Extra eerie." (*Variety*) *Mild physical violence.* (PG-1:39) **Dec. 1,4,10,16,26**



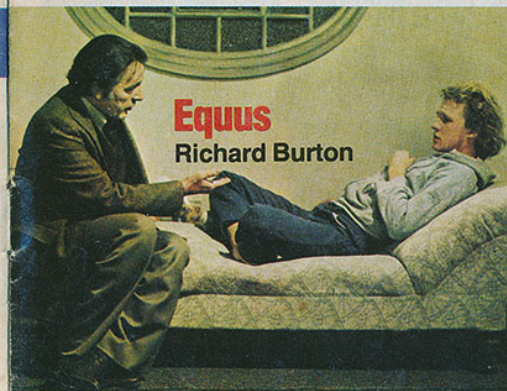
Coma

Genevieve Bujold

In an intriguing, exciting thriller, pretty, plucky doctor Genevieve Bujold follows her hunch that there's foul play behind some irreversible comas in a big Boston hospital. The chilling tale of terror is based on the bestseller by Dr. Robin Cook. Directed by doctor-novelist Michael Crichton. Richard Widmark, Michael Douglas, Elizabeth Ashley and Rip Torn co-star. *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:52) **Dec. 3,7,11,16,19,25,29**

**Sunday
December 3**

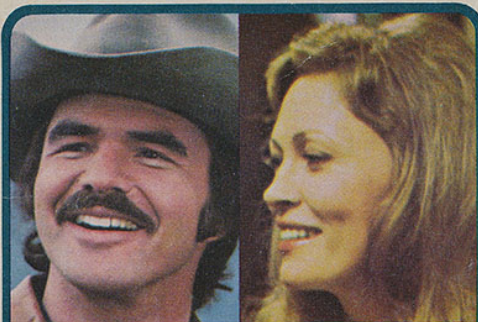
1:00 PONY EXPRESS RIDER
Western action (G-1:40) p.12
3:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH
Richard Burton in a telekinetic thriller (PG-1:50) p.6
5:00 WHITE BUFFALO
Jack Warden (PG-1:37) p.14
7:00 COMA
Hospital conspiracy creates coma victims for evil purposes (PG-1:52) p.5
9:00 KING GOES TO QUEENS
Rapid-fire wit Alan King. p.19
10:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH
Lee Remick (PG-1:50) p.6
12:00 KING GOES TO QUEENS
p.19



Equus

Richard Burton

Richard Burton re-creates his stage triumph as a psychiatrist torn by his own conflicts while helping a youth caught in the turmoil of mental illness. Burton and Peter Firth, the disturbed young man who commits a shocking crime, both won Oscar nominations for this film. Directed by Sidney Lumet. "Burton brilliant... deserves three best actor awards." (*San Diego Union*) *Adult situations and language; nudity.* (R-2:18) **Dec. 2,10,15,21,28**



UpClose

Burt Reynolds
Faye Dunaway
Marlon Brando
Barbra Streisand

TV commentator David Sheehan's super line-up includes: Burt Reynolds on the set of *Semi-Tough* (with co-star Kris Kristofferson and director Michael Ritchie); Barbra Streisand in a rare, candid interview; mercurial Marlon Brando talking about his career; and Faye Dunaway discussing women in film today. **Dec. 6,10,18,21,26,30**

The Medusa Touch

A telekinetic spellbinder in the tradition of *Carrie*! Richard Burton, discovering he has the mental force to move objects, is driven to psychiatrist Lee Remick. *Some profanity, disaster-type violence.* (PG-1:50) **Dec. 3,7,12**

Another Man, Another Chance

A tender tale set against 1870's action—attacking Indians, bank robbery, a public hanging. Genevieve Bujold is the French girl on the American frontier who meets veterinarian James Caan. *Rape scene, mild language.* (PG-2:08) **Dec. 4,8**



Across 110th Street

Hoods disguised as cops knock over Harlem numbers HQ; police, Mafia and the black crime organization each sets out to get them. Anthony Quinn. *Strong violence, profanity* (R-1:42) **Dec. 6,9,15,19,23**



Kenny & Co.

A happy tale! On the brink of growing up, Kenny and his pals engage in prankish adventures, meet the neighborhood bully, bravely face the death of a pet dog. *Mild language.* (PG-1:30) **Dec. 2,7,10,15,27**

College Basketball

Four great games this month!
See page 22 for dates and details.

Monday
December 4

4:30 ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE

A French widow and an American widower meet in the Golden West (PG-2:08) p.6

7:00 THE PACK

Islanders fight rabid dogs with guns, axes, fire (PG-1:39) p.4

9:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Superb score from Stephen Sondheim (PG-2:04) p.15

11:00 SHAMPOO

Warren Beatty stars in one of Hollywood's great comedies (R-1:52) p.8

Tuesday
December 5

5:00 PONY EXPRESS RIDER

Stewart Petersen and Maureen McCormick as young lovers (G-1:40) p.12

7:00 JULIA

Based on story in Lillian Hellman's best-selling *Pentimento* (PG-1:56) p.7

9:00 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

San Diego State vs. San Francisco. p.22

11:00 KING GOES TO QUEENS

Alan King in the Big Apple *On Location*. p.19

Wednesday
December 6

4:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME

Action-adventure based on Ian Fleming novel and starring Roger Moore (PG-2:05) p.18

7:00 UP CLOSE

Meet Reynolds and Brando, Streisand and Dunaway. p.6

8:00 COUSIN COUSINE

Very adult, very French and very delightful. An Oscar nominee (Dubbed-R-1:36) p.11

10:00 ACROSS 110TH STREET

Mobsters against a Harlem street gang and both against the police (R-1:42) p.7

Thursday
December 7

5:30 KENNY & CO.

Boy and his pals confront an adult world (PG-1:30) p.7

7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Another show, another chance to win our Sweepstakes. Plus a look at last week's action. p.15

8:00 COMA

RX for an evening of horror. Elizabeth Ashley and Richard Widmark (PG-1:52) p.5

10:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH

Tortured Richard Burton turns to psychiatrist Lee Remick (PG-1:50) p.6



Julia

Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave are near perfection in a tender, poignant story of friendship and courage. In this touching, vibrant tapestry of the late 1930s, two headstrong girls turn into extraordinary women. Vanessa Redgrave won an Oscar as Julia. Jane Fonda, as Lillian, was never better. *Mild violence.* (PG-1:56) **Dec. 5,9,11,17**



Skateboard

In the first feature movie about one of America's fastest growing sports, down-and-out Hollywood agent Allen Garfield hits on the scheme of fielding a professional skateboard team. It's made up of players he sees whizzing down city streets or hanging around hair-raising curves in city parks. "Light, loose, wholly entertaining" (*Hollywood Reporter*) *Profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:37) **Dec. 8, 19, 22, 25, 28**

Shampoo

Macho hairdresser Warren Beatty makes waves with his Hollywood clientele: Julie Christie, Goldie Hawn, Lee Grant. A brilliant, blistering, study of contemporary values. *Adult situations, language, nudity.* (R-1:52) **Dec. 4, 8**

Semi-Tough

Burt Reynolds
Jill Clayburgh
Kris Kristofferson

Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson, stars in the crazy world of pro football, try to gain a few yards, complete a few passes and score a few points in life in this rough and tumble action comedy. Jill Clayburgh joins the jovial jocks. Robert Preston is her big-mouthed pop. "All the leading players are nice to hang out with, though Clayburgh deserves special mention." (*Time*) *Profanity, brief nudity, adult humor.* (R-1:48) **Dec. 10, 14, 20, 23, 27**



Friday
December 8

4:00 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Well-trained dogs fight crime (G-1:36) p.18
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.15
7:00 SKATEBOARD
Fast-paced film about a fast-growing sport (PG-1:37) p.8
9:00 ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE
Susan Tyrrell as a prostitute transformed into schoolmarm (PG-2:08) p.6
11:15 SHAMPOO
Goldie Hawn (R-1:52) p.8

Saturday
December 9

1:30 AT THE FAIR
SRO with Lynn Anderson. p.11
3:00 ROLLERCOASTER
Foul play in playland. George Segal stars (PG-1:48) p.11
5:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.15
6:00 KING GOES TO QUEENS
Alan King *On Location*. p.19
7:00 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING
Kate Jackson (PG-1:35) p.9
9:00 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS p.16
10:00 JULIA
Jason Robards (PG-1:56) p.7
12:00 ACROSS 110TH STREET
Anthony Quinn (R-1:42) p.7

Sunday
December 10

2:30 KENNY & CO.
Ten-year-old boy faces up to the neighborhood bully (PG-1:30) p.7
4:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
Diana Rigg (PG-2:04) p.15
6:00 UPCLOSE
Faye Dunaway interview. p.6
7:00 SEMI-TOUGH
Sparkling satire of life on and off the football field (R-1:48) p.9
9:00 THE PACK
Abandoned pets become ferocious attackers (PG-1:39) p.4
11:00 EQUUS
Troubled psychiatrist treats tortured stableboy (R-2:18) p.5

Thunder and Lightning

David Carradine
Kate Jackson

An independent, happy-go-lucky swamp-water moonshiner and his girl tear up and down the Florida Interstate—with her dad, a syndicate bootlegger, and the Mob's enforcer in hot pursuit. Stuntmen go all out providing car chills and spills. *Strong language, brief nudity.* (PG-1:35) **Dec. 9, 12, 17, 23, 27, 29**





Standing Room Only:

Christmas in New York

From the giant Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza to the U.N. to Times Square, eastside, westside, all around the town, New York City is a wonderland at holiday time. And HBO covers it all in a dazzling Christmas musical featuring a host of New York celebrities. Among the many: Lauren Bacall and members of the casts of *Annie*, *Grease* and *Beatlemania*! **Dec. 11,16,22,24,25,27**

Walt Disney Old Yeller

Dorothy McGuire, as the mother, handles crises with insight while dad Fess Parker is away on a cattle drive in this story of a frontier family facing adversity with only a stray dog to help them. *Family fare.* (G-1:23) **Dec. 13**

**Monday
December 11**

5:00 JULIA
Maximilian Schell as Johann (PG-1:56) p.7
7:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK
Members of casts from "Annie" and "Grease." p.10
8:00 KING GOES TO QUEENS
Alan King with a college audience. p.19
9:00 COMA
Scary thriller set in a Boston hospital (PG-1:52) p.5
11:00 COUSIN COUSINE
"Movie of the Year" *Glamour* (Dubbed-R-1:36) p.11

**Tuesday
December 12**

5:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH
Toppling of Westminster Abbey in this supernatural thriller (PG-1:50) p.6
7:00 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME
Roger Moore is irresistible as James Bond (PG-2:05) p.18
9:30 AT THE FAIR
Impressionist Fred Travalena hosts. p.11
11:00 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING
Colorful characters, comedy and action on the Florida Interstate (PG-1:35) p.9

**Wednesday
December 13**

5:00 OLD YELLER
Great animal story from Walt Disney (G-1:23) p.10
7:00 COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Univ. of Southern California vs. Duke. p.22
9:00 ROLLERCOASTER
George Segal in a new kind of manhunt (PG-1:58) p.11
11:00 BOBBIE JO AND THE OUTLAW
A modern-day *Bonnie and Clyde* starring Marjoe Gortner (R-1:27) p.19



Slapshot

Hockey star Paul Newman has the perfect recipe to move his last place team up out of the cellar: take two fists, add one stick and pound the opposition. *Sports violence, rough language.* (R-2:03) **Dec. 14,22**

Standing Room Only: At the Fair

Come to the Fair! Catch such stars as Pat and Debby Boone, Lynn Anderson, Eddie Rabbitt and Seals & Crofts as comedian-impressionist Fred Travalena gives you a guided tour of the Minnesota State Fair. **Dec. 1,9,12,14**



Cousin Cousine

A French delight! Here's a charming comedy about two cousins, love, family relationships, love, middle class values and more love. *Adult situations, some nudity.* (Dubbed-R-1:36) **Dec. 6,11,24**

**Thursday
December 14**

5:30 AT THE FAIR
All the fun, flavor and entertainment of the Minnesota State Fair. Seals & Crofts perform. p.11
7:00 INSIDE THE NFL
The week's highlights. p.15
8:00 SEMI-TOUGH
Jill Clayburgh's dad owns the team. She can play anytime (R-1:48) p.9
10:00 SLAPSHOT
Paul Newman bullies and bad-mouths his hockey team to success (R-2:03) p.11



Rollercoaster

Inspector George Segal climbs aboard a different kind of manhunt—chasing saboteur Timothy Bottoms, who specializes in dynamiting rollercoasters. The ride ends in a packed L.A. amusement park—with the killer still loose. Safety exec Henry Fonda and G-Man Richard Widmark get more jittery by the minute. You will too. *Mild language.* (PG-1:58) **Dec. 9,13,17**



The Christmas That Almost Wasn't

A holiday treat for the entire family! A holiday tradition at HBO! Truly a charming musical comedy of good cheer for children of all ages. When a Scrooge-like zillionaire buys the North Pole and Santa Claus can't pay the rent, children from around the world come to his rescue. A happy, tuneful entertainment combining animation with live actors. Rossano Brazzi and Paul Tripp star. Title song sung by Glenn Yarborough. "Pretty color spectacle." (*Daily News*, New York) *Family fare.* (G-1:34) **Dec. 15, 18, 24, 25**

Pony Express Rider

In a rousing Western, a young Texan heads West to seek revenge against his father's killer. Plenty of action and adventure with *Gunsmoke* veterans Ken Curtis and Buck Taylor. *Family Fare.* (G-1:40) **Dec. 3, 5, 17**

From the Creators of the Muppets

Here's a show for everyone who has fallen in love with the enchanting Muppets (and who hasn't?). Their charming antics have captured audiences all over the world. This show stars fifty (count 'em) new Muppet moppets in a heart-warming story involving Emmet and his poor mother, a talent contest, a group of toughs—and a hilarious rock group at the finish! Technically brilliant. *Family fare.* **Dec. 17, 20, 23, 25, 30**

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Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas



Friday
December 15

4:00 KENNY & CO.

Youthful action and infectious humor (PG-1:30) p.7

5:30 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.15

6:30 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Santa has trouble at the North Pole (G-1:34) p.12

8:00 DOUBLE BANANAS

Rowan and Martin (1:16) p.15

9:30 EQUUS

Stimulating suspense with a stunning climax (R-2:18) p.5

12:00 ACROSS 110TH STREET

Hard-hitting crime yarn set in Harlem (R-1:42) p.7

Saturday
December 16

1:00 WHITE BUFFALO

Kim Novak in a rare screen appearance (PG-1:37) p.14

3:00 THE PACE

Deadly terror (PG-1:39) p.4

5:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.15

6:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

SRO covers the Big Apple. p.10

7:00 BARRY LYNDON

Adventures of a gentleman-scholar (PG-3:05) p.13

10:30 COMA

Fictional treatment of real medical problem (PG-1:52) p.5

12:30 KING GOES TO QUEENS

p.19

Sunday
December 17

1:00 PONY EXPRESS RIDER

Joan Caulfield (G-1:40) p.12

3:00 JULIA

Jane Fonda (PG-1:56) p.7

5:00 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

David Carradine (PG-1:35) p.9

7:00 EMMETT OTTER'S JUG-BAND CHRISTMAS

Kermit the Frog hosts. p.13

8:00 ROLLERCOASTER

A taut thriller (PG-1:48) p.11

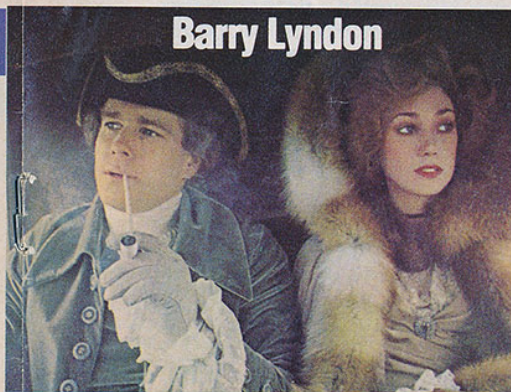
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11:00 BOBBIE JO AND THE OUTLAW

Lynda Carter (R-1:27) p.19

Barry Lyndon



Ryan O'Neal

Enjoy some of the most beautiful camera work of all time in this lavish film from Stanley Kubrick. Ryan O'Neal is the dashing 18th century adventurer who becomes soldier, spy, gambler and ladies' man. Deliberately paced so you can savor mood, music, costumes, locales. Nominated for seven Oscars. "A dream you never want to end... a perfect film." (*Cosmopolitan*) *Brief nudity, some violence.* (PG-3:05) **Dec. 16, 19, 21, 31**

The Ten Commandments



Charlton Heston

Cecil B. De Mille's spectacular Biblical epic is one of the all-time film classics. Charlton Heston is Moses, leader of the Israelites in their Exodus to the Promised Land. Size, scope, spectacle and stars: Anne Baxter, Yul Brynner, Edward G. Robinson, Yvonne De Carlo, a cast of thousands! De Mille's photographic wonders, such as the crossing of the Red Sea, have never been matched. "Altogether thrilling" (*New York Times*) *Family fare.* (NR-3:39) **Dec. 18,23,25,31**

The White Buffalo

Charles Bronson is back on the American frontier in the kind of action drama that pleases his fans. Lots of shoot-outs, gunplay. With Jack Warden and Will Sampson. *Violence, vulgarity.* (PG-1:37) **Dec. 3,16,22**

Monday
December 18

4:30 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Modern Scrooge tries to evict Santa in order to ruin Christmas (G-1:34) p.12

6:00 UP CLOSE

Barbra Streisand tells the trials and tribulations of stardom. p.6

7:00 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Cecil B. DeMille's greatest spectacle (3:39) p.14
11:00 DOUBLE BANANAS
An evening of great comedy teams (1:16) p.15

Tuesday
December 19

5:00 COMA

Michael Douglas, Elizabeth Ashley, Rip Torn (PG-1:52) p.5

7:00 SKATEBOARD

A movie that defies gravity! (PG-1:37) p.8

9:00 BARRY LYNDON

A Stanley Kubrick trip to another time and another place (PG-3:05) p.13

12:15 ACROSS 110TH STREET

Harlem toughs steal drug money, are haunted by cops and mob (R-1:42) p.7

Wednesday
December 20

5:30 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

Great fun. p.13

6:30 THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN

Sometimes ghosts are just people coming back for help (G-1:30) p.15

8:00 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

From creators of Muppets. p.13

9:00 SEMI-TOUGH

Burt leads league in scoring —after the game (R-1:48) p.9

11:00 A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Broadway hit (PG-2:04) p.15



A Little Night Music

Broadway's dazzling musical comes to the screen with Elizabeth Taylor as a famous actress renewing a great love. "Most consistently stylish, intelligent and enchanting musical since *Gigi*" (Rex Reed) *Adult situations.* (PG-2:04) **Dec. 1,4,10,20**

Double Bananas

Sometimes two is more than company, it's hilarious. Here's an evening of great comedy teams to prove it. Enjoy Rowan & Martin, Sid Caesar & Imogene Coca and a tribute to the incomparable Ritz Brothers! **Dec. 15,18**

Thursday
December 21

3:30 BARRY LYNDON

Director Stanley Kubrick's film landed on many "Ten Best" lists (PG-3:05) p.13

7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

The week's great plays. p.15

8:00 UP CLOSE

Burt Reynolds is candid about his macho image. p.6

9:00 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas vs. USC. p.22

11:00 EQUUS

Is psychiatrist Richard Burton trying to save a patient—or himself? (R-2:18) p.5



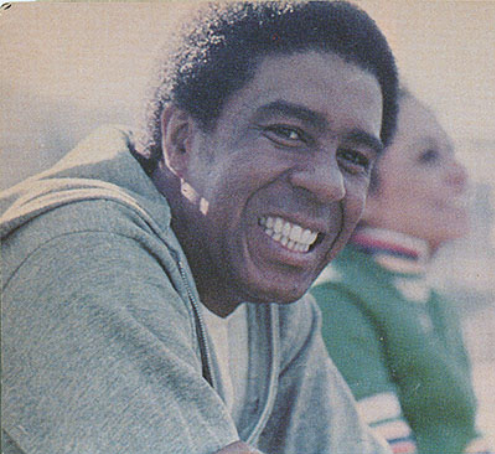
The Amazing Mr. Blunden

Christmas is grim for Jamie and Lucy in their dingy London flat until kindly old Mr. Blunden comes to call. "Atmosphere of brooding menace exquisitely done." (*Observer*, London) (G-1:30) **Dec. 20,30**

Inside the NFL

Now things get interesting—and tense. It's playoff time! Our final show this month will offer a preview of all the post-season games—and, as a bonus, we'll review highlights of the entire year. Last call for our Sweepstakes—if you still want a chance to go to the Superbowl. Tune in for details. **Dec. 1,2; 7,8,9; 14,15,16; 21,22,23; 28,29,30**





Which Way Is Up?

Richard Pryor

A sex-starved fruit picker caught in comic cross fire between his union and the Mob. An oversexed father. A hypocritical preacher finding heaven in a ladies' choir. They're all Richard Pryor in an amazing triple role. "Loose, vulgar, funky and very funny" (*Newsweek*) *Brief nudity, adult humor, rough language.* (R-1:34) **Dec. 22, 26, 30**

David Brenner Returns

On *Location* with Philadelphia's hero who returns to his home town to conquer it—and you—with his own very special brand of humor. Lots of hi-jinx make this a very funny show! **Dec. 9, 17, 25**

The Turning Point

Anne Bancroft
Shirley MacLaine

Anne Bancroft and Shirley MacLaine take command of the screen in this fascinating tale of two rival dancers who chose different roads many years ago—and must deal with the consequences when they meet again. It was nominated for Best Picture and two Best Actress Oscars. The ballet sequences, featuring the phenomenal Mikhail Baryshnikov, are breathtaking. "One of the best films of this era." (*Variety*) *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:59) **Dec. 24, 28**



Friday
December 22

4:00 WHITE BUFFALO

A white terror breathes fire and hell (PG-1:37) p.14

6:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.15

7:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

SRO. With Alexis Smith. p.10

8:00 WHICH WAY IS UP?

A Richard Pryor festival: he plays three parts (R-1:34) p.16

10:00 SLAPSHOT

Uproarious, uncensored, hard-nosed and lecherous (R-2:03) p.11

12:00 SKATEBOARD

Smart operator forms pro skateboard team (PG-1:37) p.8

Saturday
December 23

1:00 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

Absolutely delightful! p.13

2:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.15

3:00 TEN COMMANDMENTS

Story of Moses (3:39) p.14

7:00 THE SMALL ONE

New Disney animation. p.17

7:30 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

With rock concert finale! p.13

8:30 SEMI-TOUGH

Lotte Lenya (R-1:48) p.9

10:30 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

Car chases galore (PG-1:35) p.9

12:00 ACROSS 110TH STREET

Rooftop shoot-out (R-1:42) p.7

Sunday
December 24

2:30 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS

Fred Astaire (G-1:36) p.18

4:30 THE SMALL ONE

Animated Christmas treat. p.17

5:00 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Musical comedy (G-1:34) p.12

7:00 THE TURNING POINT

On 16 "Ten Best" lists of '77 (PG-1:59) p.17

9:00 COUSIN COUSINE

"A delicious adult comedy"

Playboy (Dubbed-R-1:36) p.11

11:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

SRO. p.10

12:00 THE TURNING POINT

Anne Bancroft (PG-1:59) p.17



Walt Disney The Small One

An HBO holiday exclusive, this animated version of the classic Christmas story of the little boy and his donkey is bound to be one of the biggest baubles of the season. *The Small One* is the inspired magic of Walt Disney Productions' new crop of dedicated artists. Sparkling new songs, exciting, colorful animation, a moving Christmas story. *Family fare.* **Dec. 23, 24, 25, 28**

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The Amazing Dobermans

Fred Astaire, a Bible-quoting reformed con man, owns five Doberman pinschers who help a U.S. agent in a war on crime. With Barbara Eden, James Franciscus, Jack Carter. *Family Fare*. (G-1:36) **Dec. 8,24,30**

The Spy Who Loved Me

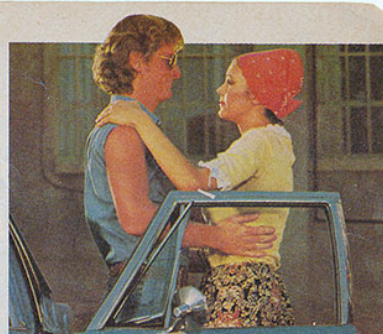
Roger Moore as James Bond

007's tenth screen adventure hinges on a supertanker equipped to kidnap nuclear subs! Gadgets include Bond's Lotus "Esprit" car which travels underwater. With Barbara Bach and Curt Jurgens as Stromberg. "As perfect a piece of entertainment as anyone could wish." (*Hollywood Reporter*) Some suggestive dialogue and mild violence. (PG-2:05) **Dec. 2,6,12**



Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins

A comedy of the road with great human interest. Drifters Sally Kellerman and Mackenzie Phillips kidnap depressed drunk Alan Arkin to make an odd threesome. "Sneaks up on you... funny, velvety... the kind of tenderness you can almost feel on your fingertips." (*The New Yorker*) Strong language. (R-1:32) **Dec. 26,29**



Bobbie Jo and the Outlaw

She's a car hop who wants to be a country singer. He's a quick-draw swindler who dreams he is Billy the Kid. Together they cut a bloody path across the Southwest. Shootouts, bank heists, speeding car chases. "Wonder Woman" Lynda Carter and Marjoe Gortner star. Violence, nudity, language. (R-1:27) **Dec. 13,17,30**

Monday
December 25

12:00 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Kids save Santa (G-1:34) p.12
1:30 TEN COMMANDMENTS
Charlton Heston (3:39) p.14

5:30 THE SMALL ONE

From Walt Disney. p.17

6:00 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

p.13

7:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK SRO.

p.10

8:00 COMA

Lois Chiles (PG-1:52) p.5

10:00 DAVID BRENNER

p.16

12:00 SKATEBOARD

Speedy fun (PG-1:37) p.8

Tuesday
December 26

5:00 THE PACK

Ferocious dogs attack tourists on remote isle (PG-1:39) p.4

7:00 RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS

Three drifters meet up and share their lives (R-1:32) p.19

8:30 WHICH WAY IS UP?

Richard Pryor (R-1:34) p.16

10:30 UP CLOSE

Marlon Brando interview. p.6

11:30 RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS

Does kidnapped Rafferty (Alan Arkin) want to change his mind? (R-1:32) p.19

Wednesday
December 27

4:30 KENNY & CO.

Love enters youngster's adventure-packed life (PG-1:30) p.7

6:00 CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

Hear the casts of Broadway's "Annie" and "Grease." p.10

7:00 SEMI-TOUGH

From Dan Jenkins novel. Burt Reynolds stars (R-1:48) p.9

9:00 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tennessee vs. Utah. p.22

11:00 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

David Carradine (PG-1:35) p.9

Thursday
December 28

4:30 THE SMALL ONE

A film only Walt Disney Productions could make. p.17

5:00 SKATEBOARD

Kathleen Lloyd (*The Car*), Leif Garrett (*Family*) (PG-1:37) p.8

7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Week's highlights. p.15

8:00 THE TURNING POINT

Sparks fly as old rivals Anne Bancroft and Shirley MacLaine meet again (PG-1:59) p.17

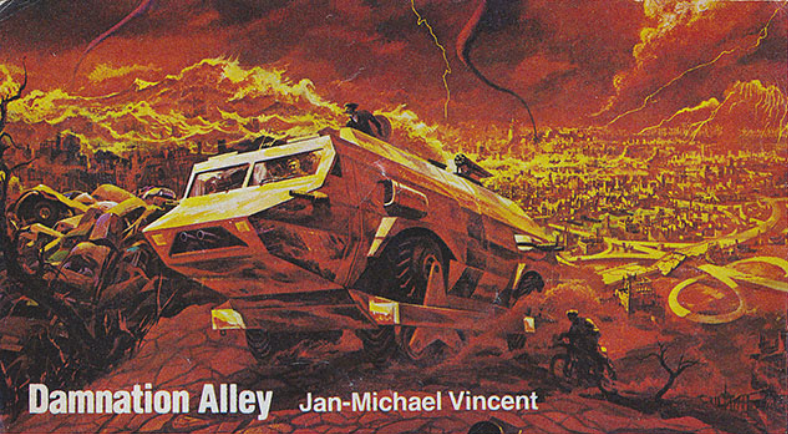
10:00 EQUUS

All the passion, mystery and love of the international stage hit (R-2:18) p.5



On Location: King goes to Queens

Catch native New Yorker Alan King as he strolls through his favorite city. Then on the stage of Queens College where King's brand of unrestrained humor goes right to the jugular. To quote Kenneth Tynan: "If a sawed-off shotgun could talk, it would sound like Alan King." **Dec. 3,5,9,11,16**



Damnation Alley Jan-Michael Vincent

Turbulent, suspenseful sci-fi tale of a tiny band of survivors making an incredible journey over a continent ripped by a nuclear blast. Spectacular in scope! Jan-Michael Vincent and George Peppard are Air Force officers assigned to sensitive defense spots. Beautiful European star Dominique Sanda is a woman living alone in gutted Las Vegas. "Out-of-this-world visual pyrotechnics" (*Boxoffice*) Some violence. (PG-1:31) **Dec. 29**

**Friday
December 29**

4:00 COMA
Neat suspenser (PG-1:52) p.5
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.15
7:00 DAMNATION ALLEY
A small human band survives against all odds as Nature goes wild (PG-1:31) p.20
8:30 THUNDER AND LIGHTNING
Kate Jackson (PG-1:35) p.9
10:30 RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS
Alan Arkin (R-1:32) p.19
12:00 COMA
Genevieve Bujold discovers a black market in human lives (PG-1:52) p.5

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**Saturday
December 30**

1:30 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS p.13
2:30 THE AMAZING DOBERMANS
Barbara Eden (G-1:36) p.18
4:30 INSIDE THE NFL p.15
5:30 THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN
Ghost story (G-1:30) p.15
7:00 LAST HARD MEN
James Coburn (R-1:38) p.21
9:00 UP CLOSE
Barbra Streisand close up. p.6
10:00 WHICH WAY IS UP?
Richard Pryor (R-1:34) p.16
12:00 BOBBIE JO AND THE OUTLAW
Lynda Carter (R-1:27) p.19

**Sunday
December 31**

11:30 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Story of Exodus (3:39) p.14
3:30 BARRY LYNDON
Ryan O'Neal (PG-3:05) p.14
7:00 CONVOY
Truckers rebel against shady politicians (PG-1:51) p.21
9:00 GEORGE KIRBY
HBO gives you last laugh. p.22
10:00 FREDDIE PRINZ AND FRIENDS
Brilliant young comedians. p.22
11:30 GEORGE CARLIN
Hear the seven words you can't hear on TV. p.22
1:00 CHEVY CHASE
Offbeat, zany and visual. p.22

Convoy Ali MacGraw Kris Kristofferson

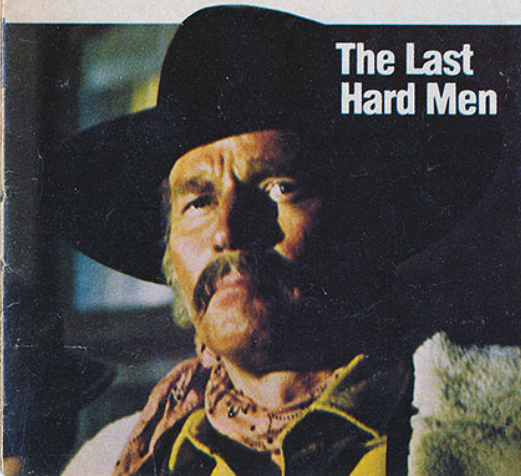
Fireworks erupt when Kris Kristofferson, leader of a rebellious convoy of discontented truckers, runs into Ali MacGraw, a sophisticated journalist accidentally flung into the middle of the truckers' revolt. Lots of Sam Peckinpah's kind of rough and tumble action: chases, crashes, slow motion fights. The sound and feel of the great Southwest are captured in natural talk and CB chatter. "Classy action movie" (*Motion Picture Product Digest*) Adult language. (PG-1:51) **Dec. 31**



The Last Hard Men

**Charlton Heston
James Coburn**

Retired lawman Charlton Heston had hung up his guns—until an old enemy, brutal outlaw James Coburn, comes out of his past. In the Arizona Territory of 1909, the old romantic West is nearing its end. But two hard men still live by the old rules. Barbara Hershey as Heston's daughter encounters trouble of her own. "Handsome production" (*Variety*) Violence, adult language. (R-1:38) **Dec. 30**



College Basketball

San Francisco vs. San Diego State Both squads are brimful of optimism. USF, despite losing three starters, feels it can even better last season's 23-6 record. San Diego is banking on dependable returnees such as 6' 11" Steve Malovic. **Dec. 5**

Duke vs. USC Last season Duke nearly nosed out Kentucky in the NCAA finals. They'll get an early line on if they can live up to their hopes of being the nation's No. 1 team, when they host Southern Cal. It should be a real battle. **Dec. 13**



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USC vs. Kansas Kansas coach Ted Owens thinks that his Darnell Valentine and Wilmore Fowler are probably finest pair of guards in the land. But the Trojans have Cliff Robinson, the first freshman ever to lead the Pac-8 in scoring. **Dec. 21**

Utah vs. Tennessee This first round of the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu Hawaii, matches up two outstanding forwards. Danny Vranes was a freshman whiz for the Utes last year. The Vols' ace is Reggie Johnson, a 21.2 scorer. **Dec. 27**

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDIANS

**Chevy Chase
George Carlin
Freddie Prinze
George Kirby**

Say goodbye to 1978 and hello to a nonstop night of comedy. Sit back and let Chevy Chase, George Carlin, Freddie Prinze, George Kirby and a gaggle of young comedians entertain you all the way into next year. We can't think of a better way to welcome 1979. Just for laughs, tune in. **Dec. 31**



Coming on HBO: the first week in January

Monday, Jan. 1

4:30 **TURNING POINT**
(PG-1:59) p.17
6:30 **THE SMALL ONE** p.17
7:00 **OPERATION THUNDERBOLT**
(PG-2:06)
9:30 **DAMNATION ALLEY**
(PG-1:31) p.20
11:00 **SEMI-TOUGH** p.9

Tuesday, Jan. 2

4:30 **EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS** p.13
5:30 **THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN**
(G-1:30) p.15
7:00 **MACARTHUR**
(PG-2:08)
9:30 **THE LAST HARD MEN**
(R-1:38) p.21
11:30 **MACARTHUR**
(PG-2:08)

Wednesday, Jan. 3

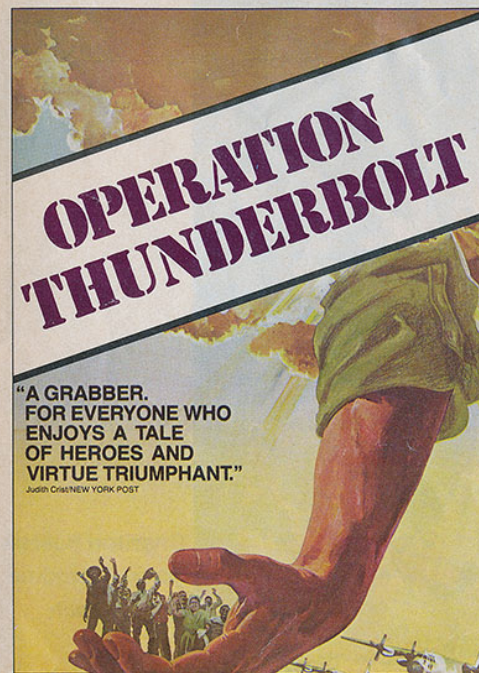
4:00 **TEN COMMANDMENTS**
(3:39) p.14
8:00 **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
Tulsa vs. Indiana State
10:00 **BARRY LYNDON**
(PG-3:05) p.13

Thursday, Jan. 4

5:00 **CONVOY** p.21
7:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
8:00 **CONVOY**
(PG-1:51) p.21
10:00 **WHICH WAY IS UP?** p.16

Friday, Jan. 5

5:30 **EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS** p.13
6:30 **THE SMALL ONE** p.17
7:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
8:00 **STRAIGHT TIME**
Dustin Hoffman (R-1:54)
10:00 **SEMI-TOUGH** p.9
12:00 **THE LAST HARD MEN**
(R-1:38) p.21



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